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In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), the commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 502306 for this Terminal Disclaimer as set forth in the enclosed transmittal letter.

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